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NEWS.

DR. WM. BENECKE, privat docent in botany in the University of Kiel, has been appointed to an associate professorship.

DR. B. NEMEC has been appointed Director of the new institute for Plant Physiology of the Imperial Bohemian University of Prag.

ACCORDING to *Science*, the extensive herbarium of the late Dr. T. Bernard Brinton has been presented to the Botanical Garden of the University of Pennsylvania.

EDWARD W. BERRY a member of the Torrey Botanical Club has been awarded the Walker prize of fifty dollars by the Boston Society of Natural History for a memoir on *Liriodendron*.

THE TRANSFER of the late Dr. J. G. Agardh's herbarium of algae to the University of Lund is made on the express condition that no specimens be loaned. While this will doubtless tend to preserve a valuable collection of types, it seriously restricts its usefulness.

A RECENT NUMBER of *Plant World* announces that the herbarium of the veteran collector, Mr. A. H. Curtiss, containing about 16,000 sheets, was destroyed in the recent great fire at Jacksonville, Florida. His early collections for this year's distribution were saved.

A SUMMER SCHOOL for nature study is to be held at the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Kingston, from July 5th to 20th. A course on trees and garden plants will be given by Professor Fred W. Card and Mr. George E. Adams; on flowering plants by Professors W. W. Bailey and H. L. Merrow; on seaweeds and fungi by Dr. A. B. Seymour.

IT IS WITH great regret that the BOTANICAL GAZETTE records the death of Professor Thomas Conrad Porter of Easton, Pa. He died April 27, 1901, at the age of seventy-nine. Since 1866 he has been identified with Lafayette College, and has long been one of the best known American taxonomists. A biographical sketch will be published in an early number of the GAZETTE.

THE BIOLOGICAL station of the University of Montana, established in 1899 on Flathead lake, will be opened this year on July 22. The University supplies books, chemicals, glassware and microscopes for use free; students are charged only for material used and breakage. The botanical work will be in charge of Dr. D. T. MacDougal and Mr. R. S. Williams, of the New York Botanical Garden.